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Application of: Jerome B. Zeldis

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METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR THE

PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF

ATHEROSCLEROSIS, RESTINOSIS AND RELATED

DISORDERS

Attorney Docket No.: 9516-018

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.142

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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This responds to the Office Action, mailed March 12, 2002 Claims 1-42 are pending in the subject application.

A Restriction Requirement has been entered for the present application. The Restriction Requirement identifies three claim groups:

Group I which contains claims 1-31, drawn to a methods of preventing or treating atherosclerosis, classified in class 514;

Group II which contains claims 32-38, drawn to a prosthetic device suitable for implantation, classified in class 424; and

Group III which contains claims 39-42, drawn to a method for the production of a prosthetic device, classified in class 623.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-31, drawn to a methods of preventing or treating atherosclerosis, classified in class 514, to prosecute in the present application without prejudice. Furthermore, Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected subject matter in one or more subsequent divisional or continuing application(s).

The is believed to be due with this response. But should any fee be due, please required amount to Pennie & Edmond's Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted, charge the required amount to Pennie & Edmond's Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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